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Preliminary Amendment

SIR:

In the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendment before examining the application.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please amend the paragraph under the section heading "Related Applications" as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of application serial number 09/961,028, filed September 21, 2001 entitled "Artificial Lipoprotein Carrier System for Pharmaceutical Use" and claims the benefit of priority from provisional application serial number 60/455,915, filed March 19, 2003, of same title, both of which applications are incorporated by reference in their entirety herein.

This application is a continuation-in-part application of serial number 09/961,028, filed September 21, 2001 entitled "Artificial Lipoprotein Carrier System for Pharmaceutical Use", which claims priority from provisional application 60/234,141, filed September 21, 2000, of same title. This application also claims the benefit of priority of provisional application serial